

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A flexible bellows arrangement ~~according to claim 10~~ comprising

a parison of blow-molded thermoplastic material comprising a wall defining an interior, and an opening in said wall into the interior, and

a connector element with a hollow passage therethrough communicating with said opening to enable a connection to be made to the interior through said wall, the connector element being of a hollow tubular form,

the connector element being secured in position by a portion of the material of the parison which has entered the hollow passage of the connector element to weld and seal the material of the parison to the material of the connector element and to form said opening during the blow-molding of the parison, wherein the bellows comprises an axis and the connector element comprises a first hollow tubular portion extending generally radially of the bellows and a second integral hollow tubular portion extending parallel to the axis of the bellows.

12. (Currently Amended) A flexible bellows arrangement comprising, in combination, first and second bellows arrangements, each said bellows arrangement comprising ~~according to claim 18~~

a parison of blow-molded thermoplastic material comprising a wall defining an interior, and an opening in said wall into the interior, and

a connector element with a hollow passage therethrough communicating with said opening to enable a connection to be made to the interior through said wall,

the connector element being secured in position by a portion of the material of the parison which has entered the hollow passage of the connector element to weld and seal the material of the parison to the material of the connector element and to form said opening during the blow-molding of the parison, the interiors of the two bellows arrangements being connected together by means of their connector elements.

13. (Withdrawn) A method of securing a separate element having an opening therein to the wall of an article which is produced by blowing a parison, comprising the steps of separately producing the separate element, placing it in a mould which receives the parison, and blowing the parison in the mould so that material of the parison enters the opening of the separate element and secures the element to the article, the blowing of the material of the parison into the opening of the separate element forming an aperture in the parison at that position whereby to form a communication between the interior of the article and the opening of the separate element.
14. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 13, including the step of producing a formation in the separate element at its opening for receiving the blown material of the parison.
15. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 13, in which the article is a flexible bellows.
16. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 13, in which the material of the parison is thermoplastic material.
17. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 13, in which the separate element is secured to the article by welding and mechanical bonding.
18. (Cancelled)
19. (Cancelled)
20. (Currently Amended) A flexible bellows arrangement ~~according to claim 19~~ comprising
a parison of blow-molded thermoplastic material comprising a wall defining an interior, and an opening in said wall into the interior, and
a connector element with a hollow passage therethrough communicating with said opening to enable a connection to be made to the interior through said wall, the connecting element having a hollow tubular form,
the connector element being secured in position by a portion of the material of the parison which has entered the hollow passage of the connector element to weld and seal the

material of the parison to the material of the connector element and to form said opening during the blow-molding of the parison, wherein the parison bellows comprises an axis and the connector element comprises a first hollow tubular portion extending generally radially of the parison bellows and a second integral hollow tubular portion extending parallel to the axis of the parison bellows.

21. (Currently Amended) A bellows arrangement comprising a first bellows arrangement in combination with a second bellows arrangement, the first and second bellows arrangements each comprising

a parison of blow-~~moulded~~ molded thermoplastic material comprising a wall defining an interior, and an opening in said wall into the interior, and

a connector element with a hollow passage therethrough communicating with said opening to enable a connection to be made to the interior through said wall,

the connector element being secured in position by a portion of the material of the parison which has entered the hollow passage of the connector element to weld and seal the material of the parison to the material of the connector element and to form said opening during the blow-~~moulding~~ molding of the parison,

at least the connector element of the second bellows arrangement being made of molded thermoplastic material, in combination with a second bellows arrangement according to claim 9, the interiors of the two bellows arrangements being connected together by means of their connector elements.

22. (Currently Amended) A bellows arrangement comprising a first bellows arrangement in combination with a second bellows arrangement, the first and second bellows arrangements comprising

a parison of blow-~~moulded~~ molded thermoplastic material comprising a wall defining an interior, and an opening in said wall into the interior, and

a connector element with a hollow passage therethrough communicating with said opening to enable a connection to be made to the interior through said wall,

the connector element being secured in position by a portion of the material of the parison which has entered the hollow passage of the connector element to weld and seal the material of the parison to the material of the connector element and to form said opening during the blow-~~moulding~~ molding of the parison,

at least the connector element of the second element being of a hollow tubular form, in
~~combination with a second bellows arrangement according to claim 10,~~ the interiors of the two
bellows arrangements being connected together by means of their connector elements.

23. (Currently Amended) A bellows arrangement comprising a first bellows
arrangement comprising
a parison of blow-~~moulded~~ molded thermoplastic material comprising a wall
defining an interior, and an opening in said wall into the interior, and
a connector element with a hollow passage therethrough communicating with said
opening to enable a connection to be made to the interior through said wall,
the connector element being secured in position by a portion of the material of the
parison which has entered the hollow passage of the connector element to weld and seal the
material of the parison to the material of the connector element and to form said opening during
the blow-~~moulding~~ molding of the parison,
in combination with a second bellows arrangement according to claim 11, the interiors of the two
bellows arrangements being connected together by means of their connector elements.

24. (Currently Amended) A bellows arrangement comprising a first bellows
arrangement and a second bellows arrangement, the first and second bellows arrangements
each comprising
a parison of blow-~~moulded~~ molded thermoplastic material comprising a wall
defining an interior, and an opening in said wall into the interior, and
a connector element with a hollow passage therethrough communicating with said
opening to enable a connection to be made to the interior through said wall,
the connector element being secured in position by a portion of the material of the
parison which has entered the hollow passage of the connector element to weld and seal the
material of the parison to the material of the connector element and to form said opening during
the blow-~~moulding~~ molding of the parison,
~~in combination with a~~ wherein at least the connector element of the second bellows arrangement is
of a hollow tubular form according to claim 19, the interiors of the two bellows arrangements
being connected together by means of their connector elements.

25. (Currently Amended) A bellows arrangement comprising
a first bellows arrangement comprising

a parison of blow-~~moulded~~ molded thermoplastic material comprising a wall defining an interior, and an opening in said wall into the interior, and

a connector element with a hollow passage therethrough communicating with said opening to enable a connection to be made to the interior through said wall,

the connector element being secured in position by a portion of the material of the parison which has entered the hollow passage of the connector element to weld and seal the material of the parison to the material of the connector element and to form said opening during the blow-~~moulding~~ molding of the parison,

in combination with a second bellows arrangement according to claim 20, the interiors of the two bellows arrangements being connected together by means of their connector elements.